### **MINUTES OF**

#### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 3909 WALNUT STREET LORIS, SC 29569 SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT** 

MAYOR COUNCIL

JOAN S. GAUSE LEWIS C. HARDEE JR. TERRENCE T. HARDEE TODD M. HARRELSON

MICHAEL E. SUGGS JAN P. VESCOVI

**HENRY L. NICHOLS** 

NEWS MEDIA present were Ms. Jen Boyd, writer for <u>Tabor-Loris Tribune</u>, Ms. Annie Rigby Ezernack, writer for <u>The Loris Times</u> and Mr. Scott Harper, writer for <u>The Loris Scene</u>.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nichols.

## **INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Councilman Terrence Hardee

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nichols.

# **ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called by Clerk Kenya Wright.

# **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### MINUTES:

The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 18, 2018 at 6:30 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Harrelson to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted favorably.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 2, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Gause to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted favorably.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Advised that the next Meet with the City is scheduled for September 13, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.
- B. Advised that September prayer breakfast would be held at Second Baptist Church on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 A.M.
- C. Mrs. Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce thanked the City for all the help during Mess Fest. An end of the Summer concert will also be held towards the end of the month. The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Bog-Off festival has been scheduled for Saturday, October 20. This year a professional division has been added to the chicken bog cooking contest.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

A. Advised that the first Meet with the City public meeting was a success. The information shared was very informative to the citizens of the City.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

#### A. PERSONNEL AND FINANCE

On behalf of the Personnel and Finance committee Councilwoman Gause recommended that Acting Chief Gary Buley be appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Loris.

Councilman Harrelson made a motion, Seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to appoint Acting Chief Gary Buley as Chief of Police for the City of Loris. Mayor Nichols and all Members voted favorably.

#### PUBLIC WORKS/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- A. Mr. Harrelson advised that the process for addressing dilapidated buildings and abandoned vehicles is being actively perused.
- B. Advised that the Fox Bay drainage project is under way and is showing signs of improvement.
- C. Advised that drainage issues on Holly Street, Graham Street and Kennedy Street will be addressed in the near future.
- D. Advised that Ordinances pertaining to utilities and zoning need to be brought up to date.
- E. Several new businesses have applied for licenses and will be coming into town.

- F. Thanked DOT for all their help and for going above and beyond to repair and correct the issues on Canal Street.
- G. Advised that the DOT Road paving must be completed by October 31st.
- H. Mr. Bellamy advised that smoke testing and repairs are being done throughout the City to repair broken lines and replace old lines.
- I. Mr. Bellamy advised that both City wells are now functional and are for emergency use only.

### **BUSINESS:**

A. GRAND STRAND WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY EASEMENT – LAGOON ROAD PROECT Per request Mr. Harrelson advised that the easement presented is to amend the current easement to allow Grand Strand Water and Sewer to be able to do updates to the plant.

No motion was made.

Attorney Moss advised that the easement needs to be presented in Ordinance form for approval.

## **PUBLIC AND PRESS COMENTS:**

- A. Mr. William Dillenbeck of 4809 Circle Drive advised that the sidewall in a ditch located on Meadow Lane had collapsed.
- B. Mrs. Patricia Stevens of 4260 Thomas Street advised that she dropped her water bill in the night drop box before the 10<sup>th</sup> deadline and was charged a late fee.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harrelson, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters.

After executive session, Council reconvened to open session upon a motion by Councilwoman Gause seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

Mayor Nichols advised that no action was taken in executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gause, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

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**MAYOR** 

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